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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations and Agencies

From: Leslie A. Meyers
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Proposed Exchange of Central Arizona Project (CAP) Water between the Gila River Indian Community (Community) and Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District (MSIDD), Hohokam Irrigation and Drainage District (HIDD), Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District (CAIDD), New Magma Irrigation and Drainage District (NMIDD) and the Salt River Valley Water User's Association (SRVWUA) (Action by 30 days from the date stamp of this memorandum)

The Bureau of Reclamation is preparing a DEA to analyze the potential environmental effects of plans by the Community to store CAP water at any one of the following Arizona Department of Water Resources permitted Groundwater Savings Facilities: MSIDD, HIDD, CAIDD, NMIDD and/or the SRVWUA. MSIDD, HIDD, CAIDD, NMIDD and SRVWUA seek to use up to 25,000 acre-feet annually of the Community's CAP water in lieu of pumping groundwater for their irrigation customers, and the Community desires to obtain Long-Term Storage Credits (LTSCs). The project will help reduce groundwater pumping in the Phoenix/Pinal Active Management Areas.

The DEA is available for public review and comment on the Phoenix Area Office web site at <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/>. A paper copy or CD of the DEA can be obtained by calling Reclamation at 623-773-6251, or by emailing crock@usbr.gov.

Comments are due within 30 days of the date stamp on this memorandum, and should be submitted to Mr. Dominic Graziani at the address above, or emailed to dgraziani@usbr.gov.

If you have questions, or would like to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Dominic Graziani, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 623-773-6216, or by email at dgraziani@usbr.gov. By law, the names and addresses of those providing comments are available for public review. However, individuals may request that their name and/or address be withheld from the record. These requests will be honored to the extent allowable by law.

If you wish your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment letter. All comments from organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

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